(c) the steps taken to stop the entry of these arms into the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) While there are no confirmed reports about militants of the North Eastern States procuring arms from the Khmer Rouge, they are known to be procuring arms from the Ranong coast of Thailand where arms belonging to several ethnic groups in South East Asia are comparatively easy to procure. The possibility of some of these arms belonging to the Khmer Rouge cannot, however, be ruled out. In the past arms and ammunition clandestinely procured through sources in Thailand were brought by ships in small consignment to areas in Bangladesh and then transported overland into North Eastern States. Government have taken up our security concerns, including the procurement of arms and ammunition clandestinely, with the Governments of Thailand and Bangladesh.

Changes in dot tendering policy

*312. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the call made by FICCI for drastic changes in DOT tendering policies particularly in the circles for which service providers have decided by sharing open to unlimited players; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto in view of the fact that this Task Force of FICCI is headed by none other than the ex-Chairman of Telecom Commission?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The Government has received a copy of the report of the Task Force from FICCI. However, the Government is not aware of a decision of any service provider for sharing open to unlimited players.

(b) The Government has no plan, at present, to change the existing policies. However, appropriate inputs of the report would be kept in view for future policy formulation.

सभी गांवों में टेलीफोन की सुविधाएं

*313. **श्री नागमणि :**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या **संचार मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के सभी गांवों में टेलीफोन की सुविधाएं प्रदान करने हेतु एक समय-बद्ध योजना शुरू करने के संबंध में निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत-तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन की सुविधाएं प्रदान करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था; और

(ग) उक्त अवधि के दौरान निर्धारित किए गए तथा प्राप्त किए गए लक्ष्यों में क्या अंतर है तथा वर्ष 1997-98 के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा) : (क) जी, हां। सरकार की नीति है कि नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक देश के प्रत्येक गांव को कम से कम एक सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन प्रदान कर दिया जाए।

(ख) वर्ष 1994-95, 1995-96 और 1996-97 के दौरान गांवों में